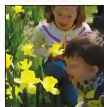




Wind damages homes, cars

Power was restored to most homes by Saturday

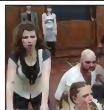
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Seventh garden in town officially opened

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New club officially opens



PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Lord Mayor Dave Eke throws the first bowl to open the 2011 season and celebrate a new home for the NOTL Lawn Bowling Club, which was established in 1877. It has moved to the Anderson Lane community centre, and opened its season Saturday. For story please see page 26.

Nicholson goes back to work

Conservative MP returns to Ottawa as part of a majority government for the first time since 2004.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Rob Nicholson is headed back to work.

But not before saying thank you to those who elected him, including Niagara-on-the-Lake voters.

In fact, he is so grateful for the opportunity to continue serving as our MP, he spent a portion of his Tuesday morning, following an historic win for his Conservative Party, on a street corner in a downpour, with a soggy sign saying thank you to his supporters.

Many people honked their horns or gave him a thumbs-up as they passed, he said.

"I think people were a little surprised to see me, especially in this weather."

When work resumes in Ottawa, it will be under very different circumstances for him than the last seven years.



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Crime bill should pass this time

From Page 1

For the first time, the Conservatives will be able to govern without some threat from the opposition coming along every few months, he said.

"It will give us an opportunity to do some planning, with some expectation that we will be able to move forward on a number of things," said Nicholson.

"I'm glad we won't be under that constant threat."

During the election campaign, he said his party

heard from Canadians that they didn't want an election, and they liked the idea of a strong majority government.

For Nicholson, that means he will finally be able to be as tough on crime as he has hoped to be.

Although he was successful in getting a number of bills through, he said, he has one in particular that he is looking forward to re-introducing that will crack down on drug trafficking. The prime minister has already assured him that it will be one of a number of bills to be

re-introduced within the first 100 days—this time with the likelihood of passing.

First elected to Parliament in the federal election of 1984, he served until 1993, before being defeated by a Liberal opponent.

Nicholson was re-elected as part of a Conservative minority government in 2004, 2006 and 2008. When the election was called earlier this year, he was minister of justice and attorney general.

Working with the NDP as the opposition will be

"unusual," he said.

"They tend to be left of Liberal, so we'll have to play it by ear and see how it works out. To see the Bloc gone will definitely be a change. I expect there will be strong opposition from the NDP and we'll see how it will proceed."

Although one of the first priorities for the majority government will be to go back to the drawing board on a budget to run the country, Nicholson says he hopes some of what was in the budget that did not pass, specifically some relief for seniors and for volunteer firefighters, will remain in the new budget.

During his election campaign, he promised Niagara residents would be impressed by the funding for War of 1812 commemoration events. Although it was not his department, he was



MIKE DIBATTISTA Niagara Falls Review

Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson celebrates with his wife Arlene and daughter Christine after a Conservative majority win in Monday's election. Nicholson won the Niagara Falls riding, which includes NOTL, followed by NDP candidate Heather Kelley in second place. Liberal Bev Hodgson mirrored the national trend, ending in third place.

strongly supportive of funding for this area, and was able to secure major investments in infrastructure for heritage sites such as Fort George and Brock's

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Most power restored by Saturday

Three-quarters of NOTL Hydro customers were without power in Thursday's wind storm.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

With help from a Fort Erie crew and Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro employees working 16-hour days, power was restored to the majority of NOTL customers by about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Jim Huntingdon, president of the town's hydro utility, says there may be a small number of homes without power that need to have some repairs made before they can be reconnected, but other than those individual situations, power was restored by Saturday for the 6,000 customers—three-quarters of the 8,000 customers—who were without power after four of the town's six feeders were damaged by 100-kilometre winds that tore through the area last

Thursday.

By Friday night, all the feeders were back on, and throughout the day Saturday work continued to replace transformers, Huntingdon said.

Fort Erie was not as badly hit

and that town's utility, Canadian Niagara Power, was able to provide resources and equipment, he said.

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A house at the corner of King and Castlereigh had a tree land on its roof Thursday.

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Will take a couple of weeks to finish repairs to hydro lines

From Page 3

Management staff from NOTL Hydro also pitched in, delivering supplies, food and water to the crews so they could continue their work uninterrupted.

Considering the extent of the damage, says Huntingdon, "we

were very pleased that it went as well as it did."

But many of the repairs were patch-up jobs, to get power restored quickly.

"We'll have to go back to do permanent repairs. I expect we'll be busy for another couple of weeks."

The town's public works department is still working on

cleaning up the debris from the storm. Residents are asked not to pile trees or branches from private property on road allowances. Smaller branches will be picked up by the regional garbage service, Emterra, during regular pick-up times.

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our editorial

Time best gift of all on Mother's Day

We received a survey this week that said one-third of Canadians don't know this Sunday is Mother's Day.

One-third of those who were asked must have been men.

The holiday kind of crept up on us—it seems early, but in fact is, as always, the second Sunday in May.

A portion of that one-third may not care, the rest could be scrambling at the last minute to find a gift. Or don't we always scramble at the last minute anyway?

It's hard to imagine not having heard, seen or read a commercial somewhere to remind us of Mother's Day—everything from cards to flowers, a meal out or even diamond jewelry has been suggested as the perfect gift for the mother who bore us, raised us and loves us unconditionally.

The same survey said that four out of every five Canadians have

nothing planned for Mother's Day. Well, some only have memories of their mothers to cherish, and others may have families far away.

But for those who do plan to celebrate, what do mothers want for their special day?

A day off from cooking and cleaning, feet up? Meals served, tea (or wine) poured for them? A day at the spa? Lunch or dinner out? A phone call? A hug?

For most of us, the best gift of all is time. Spent together. With today's busy lifestyle, time with family has to be the ultimate gift that we never can have enough of.

Course, there are always diamonds.

Happy Mother's Day to all our readers who are moms. And if your mom is close by, plan to spend some time with her.

This Sunday, it's Mother's Day.

letters to the editor

Thanks to town for quick response during last week's wind storm

I would like to commend those responsible for clearing the debris resulting from the storm on Thursday.

Several town employees arrived outside St. Andrew's Church on Saturday morning to cut and clear a fallen tree. When they discovered that a wedding was taking place later that morning, suddenly guys

appeared like a SWAT team and within minutes the tree was gone and the remains with it.

Well done, and thank you.

Barb McGale
Minister, St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

Hydro rates not so bad after all

There are times when we say our hydro rates are too expensive—until we have no power.

Then I am sure we all

would be willing to pay any price.

The people in Niagara-on-the-Lake were very fortunate to be without power for only a short time, after the major wind storm and all the fallen trees.

I would like to thank the management and staff at NOTL Hydro for the many upgrades that have been done to give us improved service and the job done to get power back up much sooner than most other communities.

Wally Bogusat

Donation to It's Our Time Campaign will benefit locals



Nine-year-old cancer survivor Olivia Frank, a Parliament Oak student whose leukemia is in remission, and her father, Niagara Casinos President Art Frank, announce a \$500,000 gift from Fallsview Casino and Casino Niagara's corporate giving program, to the Niagara Health System It's Our Time Campaign. The donation, supporting the development of the regional Walker Family Cancer Centre, brings the casino's total contribution to the campaign to \$1.5 million. Olivia, who was diagnosed two years ago, continues to travel to Hamilton for treatment, and says how beneficial it will be for local cancer patients when the centre opens and they can receive their treatments without having to travel so far.

Thanks for community support at Easter

Newark still looking for items for farm workers.



Brenda Shah
Newark Neighbours

With Easter past now there are many thank yous we would like to acknowledge due to the overwhelming community support.

Thanks to the parishioners of St. Georges Homer for their generous food donation, Niagara-On-The-Lake Lions Club for their generous donation of food and Royal LePage Real Estate for their generous food and a cash donation.

We would also like to thank the many individuals who donated food and goodies for our Easter diners, and last but definitely not least a huge thank you

to Harvest Barn who on a continual basis throughout the year donates fruit, vegetables, bread and pies to Newark Neighbours. We just want you to know how much your support is appreciated.

Offshore workers are still arriving and coming to Newark for items to set up their living quarters. Some of the things they have been asking for are: Bibles

(King James version if possible), microwaves, irons, toasters, blenders, pressure cookers, and men's work boots. If you have any of these items that you could bring in the workers would really appreciate them.

We were wondering if there are any students looking to make up their volunteer hours or any able-bodied men who could help us rake gravel and paint a few doors. If you can help could you please contact Margot at 905 468-3838 or 905 468-3519, thank you.

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Egg Hunting brings rewards



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The NOTL Kinsmen, with help from the Easter Bunny, gave away prizes to lucky winners Melody Schmidt, 6, Gabriel Mackinger, 2, Shaelynn Knowles, 8, Jeremy Penner, 5, Elissa Redekopp, 7, and Sienna Browning, 4, at the community centre Egg Hunt.



Niagara-on-the-Green held its fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Tammy Donoghue, Remax GardenCity Realty and the NOTL Glendale Fire Station, for about 100 kids and their families in the NOTL park. The winners of special prizes are Hudson Fletcher, 4, Sarah Hossinzei, 10, Hanna Hossinzei, 2, and Isaac Galasson, 8. With them are District Chief Cameron Degrow, Tammy Donoghue, Lion Visser and Lyle Renaud.

Reflections and consideration about the death of international terrorist

Some relief and some soul-searching over death of Bin Laden.

It's a fast-changing world we're living in. I'll be honest. I didn't know what to think about the discovery of Osama Bin Laden and the world's reaction to his death.

Like most everyone else, I watched intently as it was reported live on Sunday night, destined to become a "where were you when" topic of discussion. I was relieved he was found and was now out of the way, yet frustrated it took so long and by the location where he was eventually discovered.

Being honest, I think justice was served toward this man for the heinous crimes he committed and the pain



Rick Mills
Life Abundant Church
Consider This

he afflicted on so many over the years. I even feel a sense of satisfaction now he is deceased.

What I found disturbing was the celebratory gatherings in the streets of Washington and New York broadcast for the world to see.

My first concern was not wanting to see the "light fire with fire" mindset fed

through this display of euphoria on North American soil. Secondly, it was over the death of a human being. I've said that I think he deserved to die, but to be publicly jubilant over it? If you had turned on your TV at just that time, not knowing what had actually happened, you might have thought Oprah was somewhere nearby giving away something grand.

Many thoughts and opinions have been posted, tweeted and discussed surrounding this world event. I've been challenged to consider why I think the way I do as I process it all. There have been quotes, misquotes, scripture interpretation, misinterpretation from many different voices and beliefs.

Examining my own heart, here's my spin. In the book of Ezekiel it says that God does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked. I don't think I

should either. The apostle Paul was a onetime terrorist toward Christians. He could be considered the greatest enemy of his day towards the first followers of Jesus Christ. He personally authorized and aided in them being dragged from homes and stoned to death in the streets.

After his conversion through a personal encounter with the risen Christ Himself, Paul changed. Dramatically. He eventually wrote a large part of the New Testament. While maintaining exemplary humility, he told the Corinthian church to "imitate me as I imitate God." To the church in Philippi he said, "the things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you."

I tried to imagine how the apostle Paul, whose modus operandi was joy itself,

would react and minister if he were here right now.

Yes, he told the Roman Christians to rejoice with those who rejoice, but, equally, he said to weep with those who weep.

I believe he would have wept with the families who have and still do shed tears over the cruel loss of loved ones. But to the same believers he wrote, "Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord." He isn't speaking to the state, whose responsibility it is to exercise justice, but to the heart of individual believers, where the peace of God is truly birthed in a man.

More than once, Paul says that this life he now lives is only by the power that lives in him, the same power that raised Christ from the dead, resurrection power.

As I'm writing this, my 18 year old son just shared something he read on a blog: "You hear Osama is dead with no proof of a body and you celebrate. You hear Christ died and rose with no proof of a body and you speculate."

I believe Bin Laden is dead and his body is where they say it is - in the Arabian Sea. The conspiracists will have a heyday with this one, I'm sure.

I also believe that Jesus died and His body was raised on the third day. I know this to be true because this same Jesus now lives in me. How do I react today with this resurrection power? Hopefully in a way that allows the peace of God to guard my own heart and mind, and make some sort of change in the world. I'm taking it slow. Thinking it through.

Hopefully changing.

Kim Craiton MPP

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property at 215 FOUR MILE CREEK ROAD, THE SECOND MURDOCH HOUSE (Part Lot 80) as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Description of Property

The house is situated on a large irregularly shaped lot and is located on the northern portion of the property immediately adjacent to Four Mile Creek Road. To the rear the house descends towards Four Mile Creek, taking advantage of the steep topography in this location.

The original portion of the Second-Murdoch House is a 1 1/2 story 5 bay stone building. The house is located on a relatively large irregularly shaped lot on the east side of Four Mile Creek Road south of Werner Road. Recent additions include a new living space, new dormer windows and a garage which is located to the north of the original house.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Second-Murdoch House's cultural heritage value consists of the fact that it is one of the earliest houses constructed in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Documentation indicates that the oldest part of the building to the north was constructed c.1790 while the southern portion of the building was constructed c.1830.

The house has a 5-bay facade and a gable roof.

There are three brick chimneys and two at each gable end and one in the centre indicating the location of the dining room, parlour and cooking fireplace. The entrance door is located slightly off centre, further evidence that the house was constructed in 2 phases. There are two small windows with 6 over 6 panes on either side of the door. The proportions of the building and the small windows set low in the front facade are characteristics of the Georgian style. The location close to the road is a further indication of an early date.

The c.1790 north portion of the building was constructed with Whitford sandstone likely quarried on the property. According to documentation, the building is the earliest surviving example of a Whitford sandstone building in Niagara. The house was purchased by St. Davids and Queenston was the most important building store in Niagara Township prior to the late 1830's.

The c.1830 south portion of the building is constructed with fieldstone likely collected from the surrounding cultivated fields. It is one of the earliest examples of fieldstone construction below the Niagara Escarpment. The below street grade portion of the south end appears to be part of the 1830's addition.

Early photographs show that the stone exterior of the house had been entirely "harled" and rendered in lime. Harling and lime rendering were commonly used in Scotland and northern England as an application to cover rubble stone masonry. It purposed was to remove – to improve the aesthetics of the building and to weatherproof the walls. Currently, all of the harling has been removed from the building with the exception of the south wall. There may be other examples of the harling in the area but the Second-Murdoch house could be one of the oldest.

The interior of the house remains largely intact and contains many original and unique features. The dining room, which is the oldest portion of the house, contains a built in cupboard with paneled doors and a fireplace with an early walled mantel. The dining room also contains some interior shutters, original beams and trim. The parlour in the 1830's portion of the building has a number of Greek Revival details including the robust fireplace mantel, baseboards and window trim. The section of the building also has wide pine flooring and a deeply set French door with divided lights.

The Second-Murdoch House's cultural heritage value also includes its association with the original United Empire Loyalist settlers in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The property was deeded to Peter Secord from the Crown in c.1798 and continued to be occupied by members of the Secord family until the 1860's. The property was purchased by Alexander Murdoch, native of York, in 1828 and has remained in the Murdoch family since that time. St. Davids was burned during the War of 1812. There is some evidence, however, that the house was spared because of its use as a hospital by American troops.

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Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 5th day of May, 2011
HOLLY DOWD, CLERK

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property at 230 DAVY STREET, BAIRDS-JACQUES-VINT HOUSE (Part 86, Part Block 32) as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Description of Property

The Bairds-Jacques-Vint House is a 2 story, 3 bay vernacular frame building with a front porch. The house has a clipboard exterior with a centre hall porch. The house is located on a relatively large lot on the east side of Davy Street between Plattford and Pickett Streets in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and is situated on the south side of the lot. Recent additions include an attached studio carriage house and an accessory structure, both on the north side of the property.

The slightly increased setback is indicative of the fact that the house was constructed in the 1840's rather than the 1820's or 1830's when many houses were located literally on the street edge. Its frame construction, scale and unique architectural details contribute to the streetscape on the east side of Davy Street.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The original Bairds-Jacques-Vint House's cultural heritage value consists of the fact that it is one of the earlier houses constructed in the "New Survey" deeded to James Crooks in the 1820's and its unique design features including a generous front porch with ballustrade and intricate network and long French windows on the ground floor which appear to be original.

The house is situated on a relatively large lot (originally 1/4 of an acre) and is located relatively close to the street with a small front lawn. The slightly increased setback is indicative of the fact that the house was constructed in the 1840's rather than the 1820's or 1830's when many houses were located literally on the street edge. Its frame construction, scale and unique architectural details contribute to the streetscape on the east side of Davy Street.

The original house has a 3-bay facade with long French windows on either side of a door surmounted by a four light lantern. The shallow shape of the house with a single room on either side of the hall follows a style common in Niagara. Upper windows and the front door on the facade appear to be later Victorian alterations. The three upper windows on the rear elevation are earlier with 12 over 12 divisions and appear to be contemporary with the c.1842 date of the house.

The front of the original house is enhanced by a porch extending the full length of the building. The porch has a ballustrade, simple delicate posts and intricate detailing which may be a slightly later Victorian addition. This coupled with the French windows gives the house a distinctive late Regency or early Victorian appearance which contributes to its unique character. Some of the interesting architectural details such as the fretwork on the porch could have been executed by the owner Peter Bairds who was a shipwright.

The interior of the original house remains largely intact. Original window trim and baseboards on the ground and second floors, original wide pine floors and the staircases, and substantial new post have been retained.

The Bairds-Jacques-Vint House's cultural heritage value also includes its association with Peter Bairds, a shipwright who worked at the Niagara Harbour and Dock Company which, at its height, in the late 1830's and early 1840's, employed up to 400 men and became the largest shipbuilding facility in Upper Canada. Mr. Bairds acquired the original quarter acre lot in 1842. Interestingly, he still has his original holding on Plattford Street in 1941 to a Mr. Malcolmson. A house belonging to Mr. Malcolmson sold its original on Plattford Street and is designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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Dee Rd. talks continue

Future of Queenston country laneway remains up in the air as town discusses options with residents.

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Council continues to call for a compromise on Queenston's Dee Road that will satisfy most residents and prevent the unpaved country lane from becoming a paved thoroughfare.

The public works department has been asked by council to work out a solution that will allow a turn-around large enough for emergency vehicles and make the laneway a one-way access to a new home.

Realtor Jonathan Fast hopes to build a home on property he owns on Dee Road, but neither he nor residents want to see the dirt road paved or used as a through-route from the Niagara River Parkway to the village of Queenston.

The public works department has been asked to negotiate an easement on his property to provide the turn-around, a solution he

seemed amenable to at an earlier public meeting, as did most Queenston residents, says Councillor Gary Zalepa.

The road block is an Ontario Municipal Board hearing decision that required the road to be brought up to provincial standards, which most residents, including Fast, hope to avoid.

The solutions to the turn-around, access and paving issues all remain up in the air for the time being, until a report comes back to council to help them make their decision about the laneway, which is thought to be the oldest in Canada.



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Water and Wastewater Section
Department of Public Works

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake intends to designate the property at 58 JOHNSON STREET, ECKERSLEY-McEWEN HOUSE (Plan B6, Part Lot 107) as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

Description of Property

The Eckersley-McEwen House is situated on a relatively square flat lot and is located on northeast portion of the property immediately adjacent to both Johnson and Regent Streets on the southwest corner. The house is a two storey 3-bay frame building with a clipboard exterior.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The Eckersley-McEwen House's cultural heritage value consists of the fact that it is one of the larger impressive houses of Neo-classical and Regency design constructed during the 1830's when Niagara-on-the-Lake prospered as a major port and centre of a significant shipbuilding industry. The lot on which the house sits was granted by the Crown to George Young in 1794. The house was probably constructed c.1830 by contractor Ed McMullen and was refurbished in the 1870's by ship's carpenter Robert Fizezette. This house and its neighbours, the Post House, Barker Hall and the Varcy House on the 4 corners of Johnson and Regent Streets make an impressive early 19th century architectural statement and contribute to the uniquely British colonial streetscape that is a defining characteristic of Old Town.



The house has a 3-bay facade and a bit roof with a clipboard exterior. Its location close to the road is an indication of an early date. The building is set on a roughly coursed stone base. There are two internal brick chimneys with brick corbelling. These indicate the location of the 4 fireplaces in the house. Although overall the house is of plain design, it is distinguished by the centrally located doorway which has a fine Neo-classical doorway with a restrained and delicate elliptical fanlight, panelled reveals, a fluted arch and pilasters, sidelights and a 6 panel door. All of the windows in the house are two over two late Victorian or early 20th century replacements. Window mouldings are plain and simply designed with a thin drip mould above and narrow wooden sills. The rear frame addition was extensively remodelled in the 1960's.

The c.1830 portion of the house has a centre hall plan that is largely intact. There are 4 original corner fireplaces with simple classical mouldings. In one of the rooms to the left of the entrance there are interesting moulded panels beneath the windows. Much of the trim and baseboards are original to the house as are the wide pine floors. The staircase has a fine handrail, a simple balustrade and a rather clumsy looking newel at the bottom. However, some original tapered newels remain on the upper floor. The ceilings are high and the rooms are of a generous size. The Eckersley-McEwen House's cultural heritage value also includes its association with George Young, the first owner of the property, who was one of the first members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and one of the founders of the Niagara Library, and John Eckersley who served as collector of customs in Halifax before coming to Niagara.

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Council gives okay to third phase of Niagara-on-the-Green subdivision

Some councillors object, asking for more time for neighbours to have input into developer's compromise solution.

Penny Gales
Niagara Advance

A revised proposal for the next building phase of Niagara-on-the-Green was approved Monday, although some councillors still have reservations about whether they are doing enough to help the many residents who have a long list of issues going back a decade caused by Niagara College students renting homes in their neighbourhood.

The original proposal from the developer has been reduced twice, and if the town continues to withhold approval, the matter will be decided by an expensive Ontario Municipal Board hearing, likely losing the concessions that have already been made, said some councillors.

Others wanted to hold off until the recently formed town task force to deal with problems in the neighbourhood has a chance to meet, and the residents have had more opportunity to discuss with the developer.

I can't assess how residents will feel about these changes."

— Councillor Andrea Kaiser

The original plan approved more than a decade ago includes 140 units of mixed residential housing. The developer reduced that first to 109 and this week to 106, with a reconfigured plan of fewer townhouses and more semi-detached homes as part of the third phase of the development of the 250-acre property in the Glendale area.

He agreed to have sales

agreements for the new homes include a warning about the college nearby.

Councillor Andrea Kaiser said she couldn't support the revised proposal because it was a last-minute deal without input from neighbours.

"I can't assess how residents will feel about these changes," she said.

Councillor Jamie King has attended a meeting of the recently formed residents' association, with about 150 people present, and said they are a very organized and articulate group with definite ideas of what they would like to see in the third phase of building.

"I'd like to hear directly from the residents via the NOTL Task Force," he said.

But other councillors felt it was time to make a decision for the developer, to prevent an Ontario Municipal Board hearing and a decision being made by the province.

"I feel we can solve this (student rental problem) through bylaws," said Councillor Gary Zalepa.

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Problem is behaviour, not density, says mayor

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If the town were to continue to turn down the development, "all concessions would be lost and the applicant could go forward to the OMB with his original proposal. We need to do what's best for the community. I think we're doing our best with this compromise."

Councillor Jim Collard suggested the town look at licensing student rentals, similar to the town's successful Bed and Breakfast legislation.

"We probably have the most stringent B&B licensing program in the province. If we apply those same principles to student housing I think we can solve this problem."

"I'm not going to turn my back on these people," said Councillor Martin Mazza.

"If residents show up to the OMB like they did here, we might win this. I can't support this."

Lord Mayor Dave Eke said there are two issues—one is about density, and the other is a behaviour problem.

"What we're seeing and hear-

ing from residents is about behaviour, and that's not the responsibility of the developer. It's the responsibility of council," he said. "We're not going to resolve problems of behaviour

through density." Councillors Jamie King, Mazza and Kaiser voted against the development proposal, which will move forward with the majority support of council.

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Council adds noise to nuisance bylaw, despite fears of heavy-handedness

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The town has a new nuisance bylaw to help control noise, despite some council-

lors' concerns that it will be difficult to interpret and even taken as an affront to civil liberties and an attempt to curtail freedom of speech.

The bylaw is designed to fill a void for police and

municipal bylaw officers who are called to control noise complaints, mostly late-night Niagara College student parties in Niagara-on-the-Green.

The town is working on a noise bylaw, but adding unacceptable noise to a list of complaints the nuisance bylaw already deals with—issues of bad behaviour such as urinating or spitting in public, vandalism, fight-

ing and graffiti—will allow the police in the meantime to ticket those who are bothering their neighbours with parties and loud music.

Under the bylaw, an infraction would include loud music, yelling or shouting that disturbs other residents, and as such is too broad and too subjective, some councillors fear.

They don't want people ticketed for playing music in

the Simcoe Park bandshell early in the evening just because a resident complains that it's too loud.

Councillor Jim Collard went further—he fears it could take away someone's right to free speech, which he holds dear.

Although councillors were assured by Chief Administrative Officer Mike Galloway that the police and bylaw officers could be trusted to use some discretion and common sense, Collard and councillors Jamie King and Gary Zalepa voted against it.

The majority of council was anxious to see the bylaw passed as another tool in the battle to force good behaviour from the students at Niagara-on-the-Green, and to offer some aid to residents of the subdivision

who have come to council twice in recent months to chronicle the many disruptions to their quality of life caused by the student renters in their neighbourhood.

A schedule of fines needs to be approved by the province, and then will be forwarded to the Niagara Regional Police for their enforcement.

The town is suggesting a ticket of \$250 for a homeowner whose dog barks persistently and bothers neighbours.

Tickets of \$350 will be issued to those who play loud music, yell, shout or scream loud enough to disturb their neighbours.

If the bylaw is misused or needs "tweaking," it can always be changed, councillors were assured.

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Simpson's on King to celebrate anniversary with fundraiser for Rich Headley

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Sean Simpson has known the Headley family for a long time, and as a businessman and friend, wants to do his part to keep the community support going for a fellow Niagara-on-

the-Lake resident in need. Rich Headley is battling an aggressive brain tumor at the Juravinski Cancer Centre in Hamilton with a drug that is not approved by OHIP.

There have been several successful fundraisers to help pay for the drug, and MPP Kim Craitor has said he is working on trying to

get the funding approved, but Headley has been receiving treatments every other week since January, at a cost of about \$5,000 each treatment.

Simpson's wants to do their part to help pay for the drug, which offers a tumor-slaying therapy that blocks the protein put out by the tumor, cutting off its food supply and causing it to shrink.

The drug is approved and funded for the treatment of colon cancer but not for a brain tumor.

Sean Simpson used to play minor hockey in NOTL with Rich's son Jamie, and

in later years, helped Rich coach on one of the travel minor hockey teams.

"I've known the family for as long as I've played minor hockey, and we've crossed paths since that time. Rich and I have played some golf together and had a lot of laughs. He's a great member of the community. We sympathize with the cost of his treatment, and it would be good to do something for him, to show we support him and to continue to get the community to rally behind him."

Next week, Simpson will celebrate a year in business

at the King Street location, and to help Rich, for three days, May 9 to 11, \$1 of every \$10 spent at the apothecary will go to Rich.

"It will give us an oppor-

tunity to give back to the community, to help a friend in need, and hopefully bring some people in to visit us and to help Rich and Darlene."



PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Rich Headley was at the Daffodil Garden of Hope opening Saturday with family members, including his daughter-in-law Leslie. The garden, outside the Virgil Firehall, is intended to bring hope to those suffering from cancer.



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7th daffodil garden offers hope

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Niagara Advance

Of the 60 or so people gathered in the sun shine Saturday, surrounded by the cheery, bright yellow daffodils that have greeted those entering town the last couple of weeks, it seemed everyone had shared the experience of staring down cancer, whether for themselves or a family member.

Lord Mayor Dave Eke helped officially open the seventh Garden of Hope at the new River Firehall, but not without tears.

His wife Debbie successfully battled cancer two years ago. The

daffodils, he said, are an optimistic reminder that "during the dark days, life continues."

He congratulated the volunteers who plant in the fall, then turn out to celebrate in the spring.

"The daffodils are something we put in the earth, with optimism and hope, and today we see what can become of it."

He welcomed two local families now fighting their own battles—Rich Hoadley, combatting an aggressive brain tumor, with his wife Darlene, his sons and grandchildren were at the opening to help him cut the yellow ribbon to declare the garden official.

He struggled on the uneven

ground, but stood proudly, part of the event designed to give hope to people such as Rich and his family.

Helen Bau was on hand to plant the 7th garden last fall, in memory of her husband who she lost to cancer just two years ago. Helping to cut the ribbon with her two daughters Saturday, she is herself now hospitalized and battling an inoperable brain tumor, but was determined to be part of the

MPK Kim Cralter, who like Eke, spoke but couldn't hold back his tears, congratulated the volunteers, saying every dollar raised for the Canadian Cancer Society—about \$4,000 for each of the daffodil gardens planted—has helped to drastically improve treatments in recent years. "We've come so far, but not far enough. We don't have a cure, yet."

As a cancer survivor, Cralter said, "we learn to appreciate every day, because every day is a special day."

Shella Hirsch Kalin, one of the organizers of the annual plantings and the opening celebrations, has had seven years of battling blood cancer. Despite having a portion of one of her legs missing from an operation to battle infection, and relying on a walker to help her get around, she is a bundle of energy, enthusiasm and optimism.

"Like the daffodils," she says, "I just keep on going."

As does Jean Cochrane, who with her husband Tom helps plant and fundraise for the twice-annual events. On Saturday, Tom presented a cheque toward the next garden, which will be planted at the new community centre. The donation was on behalf of the Cochrane family, who have lost their share of relatives to the disease.

From the youngest toddler there, several of whom planted bulbs last fall with family members in memory of grandparents, to those battling the disease themselves, the daffodils, says Hirsch Kalin, provide comfort and support, representing new life and renewed hope.

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Paige and Sawyer Hoadley get up close to the daffodils at Saturday's Garden of Hope opening at the Virgil Firehall.



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Local nurse practitioners to speak at InfoHealth series

They hope to clear up confusion about their role with family health team.

Penny Coles
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Dr. Bill Brown, a neurologist at McMaster in Hamilton and the organizer of the NOTL InfoHealth

sessions, says the role of the nurse practitioner in family health care teams can be confusing.

It is to him, so it likely is to others, he says. Next Wednesday's ses-

sion at the NOTL Public Library will feature Lois Barlow, a nurse practitioner at the NOTL Hospital working with the NOTL Family Health team. She will have two other nurse practitioners from the team with her, and together they will talk about the role of nurse practitioners

in relation to family health and to emergency care.

"I hope to hear some specific examples of how they are unique and important, and the boundaries between them and primary care physicians," says Dr. Brown.

Although the family health team model works

well, he has some concerns—about the "default" to a nurse practitioner when a family doctor is too busy to see a patient, about reporting back to the doctor, and about emergency care for patients after family health team hours.

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Nurse practitioner Joan Barlow

Session an opportunity to better understand roles, boundaries

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He feels nurses tend to be more "user-friendly," and as a group provide a more comfortable experience for patients. But he believes patients are confused about the role of the nurse practitioner, and would like to know more about the person they are seeing.

"I think most people would appreciate a better understanding of the roles and boundaries of the

nurse practitioner."

Barlow, Jane Carson from the Virgil clinic and Jenny Schiff, all part of the family health team, will

speak at the next InfoHealth session Wednesday, May 11, at the NOTL Public Library, at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

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Mario Mazza of Italian Pizza and Subs on Niagara Stone Road in Virgil is collecting bikes that can be repaired and given to offshore farm workers at the May 29 bike rodeo.

There will be an opportunity at the event, which is held at the Virgil arena, for farm workers to have bikes repaired and reflectors attached.

The policing committee has been holding the annual event for about 20 years in an effort to keep farm workers from the Caribbean and Mexico, who rely on bikes for transportation, safe in their travels.

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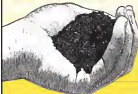
The RiverBrink collection will come off the walls for the benefit reception to make room for paintings by noted Canadian artists, including a recently re-discovered Tom

Thomson entrusted to Sotheby's for sale by a private collector in Pittsburgh.

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"It takes a community to provide care at the end of

someone's life. It's time to ask ourselves: How can I

help? Let's share the care." Those

community partnerships are essential for the work of the local organization.

NOTL Community Palliative Care was founded almost 25 years ago to provide caring support and quality of life for seriously ill people in town and their families.

Today, a group of about 25 trained volunteers offer services at home, at the three long-term care facilities in town and at the NOTL Hospital. They provide compassionate, emotional support, companionship and caregiver relief, promising strict confidentiality.

They also lend equipment such as recliner/lift chairs, eggcrate mattresses, wheelchairs, walkers, TV/DVD players, and relevant books, CDs and DVDs. And that's one area where a community partner has been essential, says Macataggart.

“It takes a community to provide care at the end of someone's life.”

— Peter Mansbridge,
national chair of
Hospice Palliative Care

The theme for the 2011 National Hospice Palliative Care Week is "Communities Share the Care," meant to encourage others to become involved in sharing the responsibility of caring for someone with a serious or terminal illness.

are the words of Peter Mansbridge, honorary chair of the National Hospice Palliative Care as a week-long campaign focuses on raising awareness, celebrating, recognizing and sharing the achievements of hospice palliative care takes place across the country.

Terry Macataggart, program co-ordinator of our own community organization dedicated to palliative care, says she read the words of Mansbridge and thought how appropriate they are, especially here in Niagara-on-the-Lake, where

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Palliative care always needs more volunteers to visit, listen

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The local palliative care organization is fortunate to have three recliner/lift chairs—many of which groups don't have any, because they are expensive—and Walls Countrywide not only stores the chairs but delivers them and picks them up again when no longer needed to return to storage. The chairs, which can take a person from standing up to a reclining position, and back to standing, allow patients to stay in their homes longer, and relieve some of the burden of caregivers, who may find it a struggle to lift their ill family member and often end up hurting their backs, says MacIntaggart.

NOTL. Community Palliative care lends them out as needed, but couldn't do it without the involvement of Walls.

"They've been a great community partner," she says.

As has Morgan's Funeral Home, providing group bereavement support for those who have lost their spouses. The sessions are held twice a year at the Palliative Care office behind the hospital, with Morgan's providing the counselling to their clients as well as families who have been helped by palliative care.

"The partnership has worked out really well by opening it up to our clients, whether or not they've worked with Morgan's

Funeral Homes."

MacIntaggart includes Simpson's PharmaSave as being "very good friends," supporting the group and their clients, and being eager with their help, working with patients who are just coming out of the hospital or are sick at home to fit them with whatever kind of medical equipment they need.

"They are always there for us when we need them," Debbie Rempel of Wine Country Roses provides flowers for NOTL. Community Palliative Care's annual memorial service, which next week will celebrate the lives of the 46 people who the organization helped last year—10 more than last year, and more than any

other time in its 25-year history.

"It seems we are helping more people who are becoming seriously ill at a younger age," says MacIntaggart.

And yet, there are still people in the community who don't know that palliative care is available in NOTL, she says.

"We're a death-defying society. It's hard to make people realize that you can live until you die with dignity. People just don't want to talk about it."

The group is always looking for more volunteers, to help spread awareness and to help meet the needs of clients—although they've never been in a situation where they didn't have enough volunteers to

accomplish that, there are a number retiring or who have resigned for health reasons.

"We're always on the look-out for more men—we always have more

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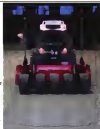
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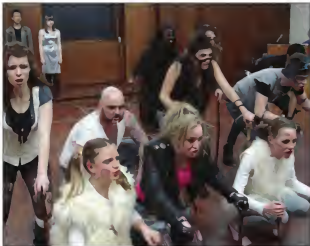
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Young Company members appearing in *Animal Farm* are (front) Elaine Mohr, Kaitlin Race and Annissa Giesbrecht; (middle) Lila Bata Walsh, Tyler Traeger, Ioanna Al-Kayed and Zach Murphy; (third row) Fatuma Namatovu, Shalya Winsborrow and Jordain Hall; with Jalen Pichenluk and Dana McKenzie as narrators in the back.

Lyndesfarne presents Animal Farm

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Niagara-on-the-Lake director Kelly Daniels, with a background in education, has chosen through her Lyndesfarne Theatre Projects to connect to the community not just by presenting live theatre but by reaching out to young people interested in a career in the theatre.

Through their Young Company group, Lyndesfarne offers two semesters of comprehensive professional theatre training, including physical and vocal lessons, with an emphasis on the protocol and decorum of the professional world, says Daniels, leading up to an annual spring production.

"It's very intense, rigorous work," she says. "We don't coddle them." This year she was able to bring an

award-winning theatre company from New York to work with the young artists, who come from across the region and range in age from 13 to 26—elementary, high school and university students, as well as some university graduates.

The professional company, the Saratoga International Theatre Institute, consists of world-class artists. "They chose to train our Young Company, and it was such an incredible experience. I can't tell you how amazing it was."

The young actors are about to reveal the "payoff" of what they've been working toward: George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, at St. Catharines Collegiate, opens Wednesday.

It's not quite a musical, more a play with fantastic music and fabulous choreography, says Daniels.

The play, about a group of farm animals who take over the farm, is

very challenging physically for the actors, she says.

"These kids are dedicated and committed. Some of them have never sung before, but they do an amazing job. They are working very hard and challenging themselves immensely."

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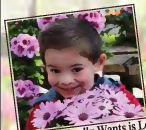


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Oldest lawn bowling club in Canada celebrates new season, new home

Penny Coles
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The Niagara-on-the-Lake Lawn Bowling Club opened its season Saturday with all the pomp and circumstance befitting the oldest club in Canada moving to a new home.

But the day was not without its difficulties.

Although the first bowls were thrown under a beautiful blue sky, following the customary piper and parade of members, the wind storm of last Thursday did its damage to the club's new digs at the Anderson Lane community centre—three sun shelters that were erected hurriedly to be ready for the big day were swept away.

"The wind tore them right out," says parks and recreation director Clive Buist.

At a cost of about \$6,000, the shelters were covered in a grant for the lawn bowling club.

Under normal conditions, there wouldn't have been a problem, but Thursday's wind was an exceptional event, says Buist.

"The timing couldn't have been worse. We rushed to get them up for the opening, and they stood for about three days. We'll have to look at alternatives to see what else we can do."

The much-touted artificial turf looked great and felt good underfoot, but presented some challenges for the bowlers.

Installed last fall, there was no time for the stretching that is a routine part of installation.

The company from England that provided the turf will come back to finish its work, but needs three sunny, warm days with about 65-degree weather to accomplish that task, says Buist.

Club president Ivan Eaton warned bowlers Saturday they might find the turf temporarily bouncy, but added, "at least compared to the dandelions and bird holes at the other facility it shouldn't be too bad."

The turf was chosen because of its low maintenance, and the fact that chemical spraying to rid grass of weeds has been outlawed by the province, says Buist.

There are a handful of

lawn bowling clubs in Canada with artificial turf, but the NOTL club may be the only one in Ontario.

Its popularity is growing, says Buist—the large Toronto club—having it installed this season.

The company that sold the turf guarantees it will come back for stretching a second time if necessary, but so far hasn't had the good weather required to get the first stretching done.

"We just haven't had that luck yet with the weather. But once we get over these last few hurdles it will be a great home for the club."

The biggest change, an advantage for the club that was established in 1877, is the size of the green—the larger surface allows the club to host championships at a higher level than it has been able to.

Eaton announced at the opening that in addition to the regular juniors, the club has added an in-house pairs league, and already has six tournaments planned for the season.

For information about membership call Evelyn Eaton at 905-468-0028.



Lawn bowlers parade, led by piper Jim Johnstone, to celebrate the arrival of the new season as they open the club at the community centre Saturday.

Local teen tumbling champ at provincials, with second overall

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Nikki Klassen loves tumbling. It makes her feel like

she's flying, she says.

"That's an amazing feeling." And she's good at—it in fact she's the best in the province.

Nikki came home from the provincial championships held in Windsor recently with a gold medal in the floor event—her favourite competition because it involves tumbling, she says.

But that's not all she's good at—the Virgil Public School Grade 8

student also brought home the silver for the overall competition, which combines the total marks in four events—floor, bars, vault and beam—in her age group at level six.

She was a triple medalist at the event, bringing home a bronze for her work on the bars.

Her second place overall finish, competing in a field of 32 girls, has earned her a trip to Halifax this weekend to compete in the Eastern Nationals, representing Gym

Energy in St. Catharines, where she began training a decade ago at the age of four.

She now trains about 25 hours a week, going to the gym every day after school. On Wednesday, she goes to school in the morning and heads to the gym for an afternoon of training.

The A-student works hard, but says she loves what she's

doing. She also stays up late to finish her homework so she can keep up an 85 per cent average.

"I have to keep my marks up if I'm going to be able to keep up this level of training, otherwise I wouldn't be able to spend so much time at it. School has to come first."

She takes Saturdays off, so she has time hang out with

her school friends and be a normal teenager, but the 14-year-old also has made friends through her sport—that's part of what she loves about it.

"It's an opportunity to learn, to meet new people, and to compete. I just really love it. I feel like I work hard, but I have fun at the same time."



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